

A "Conversation" Made Timely By Puzzlers' Chatty Letters

LOOKING over the chatty letters on my desk, I have come to the conclusion that this is a "general conversation" whereof I will print some of the interesting things at hand, taking them as they come.

Dear Frances Carroll: Inclosed you will find my solution of this very interesting Shakespearean puzzle. The sentence evidently intended to be "R." but the only word I find that fits is "Rostand" and I am sure that a mistake has been made and the desired word should be Rostand. Thanking you for the pleasure you have given us in the puzzle column, I am, cordially yours,
(Mrs.) E. E. BROOKS.
22 A street southeast.

Thought Something Was Missing.

My Dear Miss Carroll: Do hope I'm not too late getting in my answers, as I waited for tonight's Times, feeling sure there was something unintentionally left out yesterday.

I could see as soon as I solved some of them that the initials were meant to spell "R." to rummage all through my Shakespeare and find the different characters, and I think they are very cleverly disguised.

And isn't it great that the men display an interest in "our Woman's Page"—but then it's a Woman's Page and a most interesting one, too.

With the usual good wishes for yourself and your page, I am
Very truly yours,
MRS. NINA S. GRIMES,
1324 Euclid street, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Miss Carroll: I am still in the circle, but have not sent in my lists recently. However, I work most of them, and I am sure that I am not too late. I am sending a list which I think even Miss Spaulding will find a "hard proposition." It is original in expression, as you will see.

LOW COLLARS OFTEN WORN

Style Generally Becoming to Young Girl.

WITH the newest evening costumes, comes a kind of sailor's knot that fastens at the throat, to be worn with low collars.

At present, it is only the very young girl that has taken to the collarless corset.

Such a style is wonderfully becoming to her, for even woman until she has passed twenty is supposed to have a soft, innocent neck without a bluish, a long neck is considered a mark of grace and beauty, and yet certainly the long neck naturally wrinkles more quickly than the shorter one.

Very few women have pretty necks in the immediate neighborhood of the ears, and fewer still are pretty at the base of the neck. At the base of the ear there is generally an ugly ridge, either scarred or a decidedly depressive curve, at least that is the Anglo-American neck. The most attractive part of a French woman is this portion of her anatomy. Her neck is neither long nor short and is plump without rolling in flesh. With such a neck, the collarless dress will appear to advantage.

The woman with a very short neck, or really no neck at all—for it would be difficult to tell where chin leaves off and shoulders begin with her—is now going to have her innings. She will appear to supreme advantage with the corset that is only fastened at about the throat. We are told that long-necked women will adopt ropes and ropes of beads and pearls to cover their unlovely throats; but this is uncertain, since pearls and beads and corals have been exploited so many years that surely women will have no more of them.

Candlesticks Are Used In Decoration of Table

Candlesticks of from three to five inches high to be placed beside the plate of each guest are among the novelties in table decorations.

Some of these individual taper holders are of polished brass, with slender, curiously twisted spirals set into substantially weighted standards. Others are of dull copper bearing a quaint chased pattern, and a third sort of bronze finished composition, carved to represent olive, cobras, Easter lilies, and the conventionalized patterns of the fleur-de-lis. Most attractive are the individual taper-holders of drift, showing the familiar windmill and boat designs in blue and white; the Dresden models gay with wreaths of tiny flowers, and the quaint shapes developed in royal, cañon, gorgeously colored with red and gold.

The Bedtime Story.

Published for the thoughtful mothers who wish to read to the little folk while they are being tucked into their beds for the night.

GINGER AND THE BUMBLEBEE.

By FARMER SMITH.

"TELL me some more about Ginger," said Ethel to her father last night. So her father told her the following story:

"I wonder what that little speck up in the sky is?" said Ginger to himself one morning as he squinted his eye and peered out of the station window. By and by the little speck got larger and larger and larger, until it finally sat down on the railing around the railroad station.

"My," said Ginger. "I think I will get out and see what it is. This may be another one of those butterflies with flutters—I mean wings."

"Hello," said Ginger. "What are you?"

"I am Billy Bumblebee," said the little thing. "If you don't keep that mouth of yours closed I will come down there and sting you on the nose."

"I don't know what 'sting' means," said Ginger.

PRIZES OFFERED PUZZLE SOLVERS

Weekly prizes of five, three, and two dollars, respectively, are given to the contestants for the puzzle offered in the Woman's Page of the Sunday evening edition of The Times each week for the three solutions advanced.

The contest, which closes at 3 p. m. on Friday of each week, is open to all who care to solve the puzzle. The awards are based, primarily, on correctness, timeliness, and neatness. Originality in presentation also receives consideration in awarding the prizes.

Churchgoers May Be Hampered.

Have you ever thought that many who attend church on Sunday evenings have not the same opportunity for working puzzles in due time? Or that probably the interest in solving them would keep us from the religious services? Would Monday evening be a suitable change?

You ask for our suggestions, so I do not feel ashamed in making them. With kind regards I am, very sincerely,
LILA P. WALLACE,
1308 Potomac avenue southeast.

As to Mrs. Wallace's queries I will say that many of the Woman's Page readers, indeed, I fancy most of them, attend religious services still find abundant time to work out the puzzles. Moreover, not infrequently some come away from the church with a new puzzle in mind. On the other hand I have some good puzzlers who, not approving of any diversion at all on Sunday, refrain from working the puzzle until Monday morning. Such questions must be answered from the standpoint of our own personal feeling and I am sure none of us would wish to essay the role of adviser to his neighbor of a different faith or belief.

Frances Carroll

GOWN MADE OF MESSALINE

Shaped Yoke Is of White Net-work.

ONE woman is making up a blue messaline gown, with shaped yoke of white net-work by herself in a conventional iris design in blue and silver.

The flowers are worked in slanting satin stitch; so are the numerous scrolls.

They are done in several shades of blue, but with little attempt at shading.

The yoke is divided into panel-like sections by double lines. These are quickly and effectively worked in a long chain stitch half an eighth of an inch long. One line of each group of lines and the other silver. Centers of flowers are worked in silver thread, and some of the scrolls are outlined with it.

The girdle arrangement of this frock is well worth copying for other gowns. The soft folds are held on each side of the front and back by a row of small buttons. The back with ornaments made by covering a large button mold with white silk and over it working cobweb in silver thread. These centers are surrounded with a flat plaiting of the messaline an inch and a quarter deep. This gives a ruffled effect, but is never and handsome.

The same woman is embroidering for a dark blue voile house frock V-shaped bands of black net three inches wide to outline a pointed yoke of biscuit colored net outlined around the collar with bright-orange chiffon velvet, which also outlines the banding on the yoke side.

The net of the bodice was worked in black, pale yellow, and touched up with occasional lines of a copery red. It was faced with white satin to bring out the design of the heavy embroidery, which was done chiefly in satin stitch.

FAIRYLAND ORIGIN OF THE UMBRELLA

The umbrella, as every one knows, originated in fairyland, where the elves utilize the mushrooms to protect themselves from the dew. But not every one may know, perhaps, that the first Englishman who carried an umbrella in public was Jonas Hanway, who struggled under a huge canopy of linen stretched over a whalebone frame in 1750.

Some years later rattan superseded the bone, and if in general use, years that steel has been in general use. And, speaking of umbrellas, it is an excellent thing to stand it on its head when wet, so that the water will not collect in one point and rot the silk at the pivot.

SENSIBLE ROMPERS FOR KIDDIES

Daily Fashion Talk

By FRANCES CARROLL.

WITH the wide outdoors giving a pretty strong call to the younger members of the household, the practicality of the comfortable and sensible rompers bring them forward as the ideal playtime garment for small boys and girls.

Checked gingham, chambrays, denim, or light cotton materials, if one cares to consider the subject of warmth, all offer themselves as appropriate materials for the making of rompers such as those pictured today. Simple of construction, slightly and attractively, the model has the effect of a dress. The bloomer portions are circular, but drawn up closely at the knees, while the blouse is natty tucked over the shoulders, the pleats giving the fullness necessary for a free play of the body.

The May Mantion pattern, No. 6423, required, may be had at Goldenberg's.

METHOD SUGGESTED TO CLEAN CLOTHES

Housewives will find the following a very good method for cleaning men's wearing apparel. Coats, trousers and vests which are too good to be discarded may be cleaned to look new by following this recipe:

Have ready a tub full of warm water and plenty of washing powder and good soap. Into this put your articles to be washed. Let them soak ten minutes, then rub well with the hands, seeing that all grease spots are well soaked and rubbed.

Rinse in warm water until the water is clear. Hang up in the sun, but do not wring, because wringing causes wrinkles, which are hard to press out. Turn pockets of trousers out, and vests and coats may be hung in a coat hanger. Press when damp under a thin cloth on right side of garment. Always do this work on a nice sunny day, and you will have good results.

PLASTER OF PARIS.

Do not mix or stir plaster of paris, but simply pour water into it and allow it to soak in. Any excess water may then be poured off without loss of material. This process keeps the mixture in proper shape for handling, for fifteen minutes or more. Try it, and you will rejoice over the discovery.

SOME RECIPES FOR DAINTY DESSERTS SELDOM FOUND IN BOOKS

Belgrader Brod.
Whites of eight eggs beaten stiff, one pound of powdered sugar folded in, one pound of almonds cut into fine pieces, two ounces of cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful of powdered cloves, one-half nutmeg, one-half cupful of flour with one and a half cupfuls of baking powder. Add four enough to roll, cut with very small cutters, and bake on buttered tins in moderate oven.

Cinnamon Stars.
One pound of almonds, grated or chopped fine, unblanched, one pound of powdered sugar, whites of seven eggs, one teaspoonful of cinnamon. Beat the whites stiff and dry, fold in the sugar and cinnamon. Take out one-third of the mixture and into the rest fold the almonds. Spread powdered sugar on a board and form the mixture into a sheet about a fourth of an inch thick. Cut into stars, cover with the icing, set aside and bake in a very slow oven.

Citron Macaroons.
Whites of three eggs beaten stiff, add one-half pound of powdered sugar, one-half pound of blanched and grated almonds, four ounces of citron chopped fine and the grated rind of one lemon. Let them dry in a very gentle oven for half a day and then brown slightly. The eggs must be stiff enough to turn the bowl in which they are beaten upside down without the eggs falling out. If the citron is hard to cut steam it a few minutes.

Pepper Nuts.
Beat four eggs fifteen minutes with the Dover beater, add one pound of

powdered sugar and beat another fifteen minutes. Add the grated rind and juice of one lemon, one teaspoonful of powdered cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful of powdered cloves, one-half nutmeg, one-half cupful of flour with one and a half cupfuls of baking powder. Add four enough to roll, cut with very small cutters, and bake on buttered tins in moderate oven.

Sugar Pie.
Make a rich crust, line your pie pan, put in three heaping tablespoonfuls of sifted flour, three-fourths of a cupful of sugar, little bits of butter, dust on a little cinnamon, and last one-half cupful of boiling water. Bake in a quick oven.

Savory Cakes.
Beat together for twenty minutes the yolks of six eggs and one-half of a pound of powdered sugar. When light and thick add one-half pound of sifted pastry flour, the grated rind and juice of one lemon, and four ounces of cornstarch. Whip the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, and carefully cut them. Bake in a quick oven in finger molds that have been buttered, then dusted with flour and sugar.

Egg Kisses.
Whites of six stiffly beaten eggs, one pint of granulated sugar, folded in, a teaspoonful of vanilla. Drop on greased tins and bake in slow oven. Serve with whipped cream. This makes a delicious dessert.

Fruit Melange.
Sprinkle some slices of sponge cake with sherry wine, then arrange them in a pretty glass dish. Over the cake dispose alternate layers

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Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Thursday, April 14, 1910.

Hold fast to high desire. They face best who aspire.

MERCURY, Saturn and the Sun are in benefic aspect on this 14th day with the Moon.

The Sun, ruling as the greatly fortunate planet, sways for honor, lofty pride and courage, promising success to those who adhere today to principles and ideal, even at the apparent cost of temporary material benefits.

Superiors should be well inclined this day. They who grant favors will reap results in time to come.

The time is good for seeking employment or increase of opportunity. Satisfying great possessions, but helps workers.

The products of the earth are under special signs for luck. Building, real estate transactions, renting houses, moving and traveling in open country are also under excellent signs.

It is a good time to deal with elderly persons.

The elements of chance are inauspicious.

Care must be used in approaching excavations and steep places.

Publicity is under favor. Advertising, circulating, promotion, canvassing, lecturing, writing important letters and traveling for business are under good signs.

Lawyers, printers, ministers, orators, teachers, writers and ingenious persons generally should benefit.

Women employed must guard against errors of haste.

Men engaged today should prove satisfactory.

Anything concerned with liquids, chemicals or mixing should succeed.

Herbal lore indicates that the day is good for barley, quince, rye, beet, plantain, comfrey, flax-seed, hemp, poplar and siles under Saturn.

Persons with this birth-date are ruled by aspects that often cause a disposition to criticize, fret and scold. If they overcome this tendency the twelve-month promises success in something long desired.

Children are born today under signs that promise intense tenacity of purpose, decision and resolution. They must be trained to have regard for others.

TO PUT A GLOSS ON RUBBER PLANT

To make the leaves of a rubber plant look glossy treat it to a bath of castor oil once a month. Take a tablespoon of oil and pour at the roots and note the difference in the plant. Also, if you suspect an worm infestation, wash with a bath of strong, warm mustard water, and if there is a worm it will come to the surface.

ROUTS MOSQUITOS.

Mosquitoes will stay out of a room that has been sprinkled with a mixture of one part spirits of lavender and five or six parts of water.

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How to Powder Properly, Avoid Use of Cheap Cosmetics

IN the misuse rather than the use of face powder is to be found the only logical objection to its employment as a potent toilet agent. If certain rules are followed many a woman confers a boon upon humanity by making herself better to look at by the use of powder.

Fresh air, rational bathing, diet, and exercise will do wonders toward giving anyone a good complexion, but they will not always keep the shine from the nose and the high polish from a woman's chin.

Then, too, where there is one fine complexion there are a hundred poor ones, and powder used judiciously will do no harm and hides many a defect.

The great fault with nine-tenths of the women that use powder is that they are careless about removing it before retiring at night.

The finest complexion will never be injured by the use of powder. On the contrary, it absorbs moisture, removes shine, prevents dust and grime from settling into the pores, thereby clogging them.

True, the powder will work its way into the pores if left on long enough, but where it is thoroughly washed off at night, and freshly applied in the morning, or some other convenient or desirable time through the day, it does no harm.

Wash Face Carefully.

The carelessness with which many women wash their faces is held to be little short of criminal. A casual dash of cold or warm water will not wash either dirt or powder from facial pores.

The face should be washed, carefully, in moderately warm water, with none but the purest of soap, a good olive oil or castile holds the preference, if it is of the best quality. Even then, we find a few people whose faces smart by its use.

By all means avoid the use of soap if such conditions arise, as the face will become blotched with red spots, and it is sometimes several hours before these stinging patches disappear and the face becomes normal.

Certain kinds of soap are injurious for certain skins on the same principle that some people cannot eat certain foods.

Nevertheless, the face must be washed and thoroughly cleansed daily, and those who cannot use soap will find that almond meal or oatmeal makes a very good substitute. Sewn into bags and thrown into the water, it is delightfully refreshing. At least once or twice a week use a soft complexion brush, in order to cleanse the pores thoroughly.

Rinse in Cold Water.

The face should always be rinsed in cold water, to which a little tincture of benzoin, or any good astringent, has been added. This closes the pores and makes the skin firm.

There are many ways to powder the face. Some use a puff, some a piece of gauze, some a piece of silk stocking and others a piece of cambric skin. It is only a matter of feminine prejudice as to the manner in which the powder is applied. Truth to tell, none of the above methods is sanitary.

The best and softest way is to use a tampon of cotton, which may be cast away after one using.

Powder should never be allowed to stand around the dressing table uncovered. Always see that it is securely covered when not using it, otherwise you are likely to apply dust to your face with the powder.

How to Powder.

After the face has been cleansed, take the least bit of good cold cream on the tips of the fingers and rub well all over the face.

The amount of cream must be so small that after it has been well rubbed it should be all absorbed and leave no trace of oiliness. If the skin is naturally

oily and does not absorb readily, use a tampon of cotton moistened with diluted witch hazel to remove the superfluous cream. Then sprinkle a little powder on to the finger tips of each hand.

Go all over the face carefully with the powder, around the ears, under the chin and back of the neck, so that all will be uniform. Then gently, with old linen, wipe all parts; this softens the application and leaves it less prominent.

Now moisten the second finger and thumb of each hand with a few drops of rose water and stroke the eyebrows by pinching them together, smooth toward the temples, and almost near their ends they should take a decided curve down, thus making arches. Next take a drop or two of rose water on the fingers and gently wipe it across the eyelashes, likewise the lips. Sometimes the lips are roughened and chapped; in such cases it is best to just use a little cold cream.

Some Powder Dangerous.

The variety of face powders upon the market is legion, and the price is no criterion of merit. Many of the cheap powders, while not fine and delicate, are harmless, while some of the most expensive powders contain elements that render them injurious to the skin.

White powder, perfumed, is in many cases a danger signal, and though certain perfumed powders are a luxury, they are usually to be avoided. The tinted powders, too, are, as a rule, more to be feared than the white.

More Strawberries Coming, But Prices Are Still High

Strawberries are still far beyond the reach of the majority of Washington people at retail prices of about 20 cents a quart, but they are slowly coming, and the season for short-cakes and other strawberry delicacies will soon be on. As yet nearly all the berries in Washington have come from Florida, where they are grown almost all winter. The difficulties of shipping, and the express charges make the retail price high.

North Carolinians are coming now and Florida has but little chance on account of the extra shipping expense. The berries coming this year are of a better quality than has been known in several years. One commission dealer who had a consignment that he had sold before 7 o'clock this morning, said they were the best early berries he had ever seen.

TO CLEAN CLOTHING.

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